

the drawbridge were withdrawn to the  
other bank,  
they would swim across the river and  
attempt  
to get into the courtyard of Rock  
Castle through  
the orchard. It would be easy to see  
through  
one of the windows if the families were  
shut up  
inside. If they were not, Frank and  
John Block  
would come back at once to  
Falconhurst, and they  
would all try to get to Sugar-cane Grove  
before  
daylight.

Never did the hours drag by more  
slowly!  
Never had Captain Gould and his  
companions  
been more profoundly dejected—not  
even when  
the boat was cast adrift upon an  
unknown sea,  
not even when it was smashed upon the  
rocks in  
"Turtle Bay, not even when the  
shipwrecked com-  
pany, with three women and a child  
amongst  
them, saw themselves threatened by  
winter on a  
desert coast, shut in a prison whence  
they could  
not escape !

In the midst of all those trials they  
had, at least,  
been free from anxiety on account of  
those in  
New Switzerland! Whereas, now, they  
had found  
the island in the power of a horde of  
natives,  
and did not know what had become of  
their relatives

and friends; but had good ground for  
fearing  
that they might all have perished in a  
massacre I

Slowly - the day wore on. Every now  
and then  
^ne or other of them, generally  
Fritz and the  
boatswain, cHmbed up among the  
brandies of